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DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER WAHEED ABDULLAH MENTIONED TO ME SEPTEMBER 28 THAT ONE QUESTION AND ANSWER INTERCHANGE HAD BEEN EXCISED FROM THE TRANSCRIPT OF THE SIMONS' INTERVIEW PUBLISHED HERE (TEXT REF B). UPON PRESSED BY SIMON AS TO WHETHER AFGHANISTAN'S "INABILITY TO REMAIN INDIFFERENT" IF THE GOP STEPPED UP MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN BALUCHISTAN AFTER THE OCTOBER 15 DEADLINE MEANT THAT AFGHANISTAN WAS PREPARED TO GO TO WAR, ABDULLAH ANNOUNCED TO ME THAT HE GAVE A HEDGING ANSWER TRYING TO CONVEY BOTH THAT WAR WAS A POSSIBILITY, BUT THAT AFGHANISTAN IN NO WAY DESIRED WAR. THE LATTER POINT, ABDULLAH STRESSED, WAS HIS MAIN THEME THROUGHOUT THE DIFFICULT INTERVIEW. THIS EXCHANGE WAS KEPT FROM THE PUBLISHED TRANSCRIPT SO AS NOT TO UNDULY EXCITE THE AFGHAN PUBLIC. ABDULLAH ALSO REMARKED THAT HE IS UNHAPPY ABOUT THE REPORTS HE HAS RECEIVED OF THE TENOR OF SIMONS' ARTICLE.

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